



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) Minutes Wednesday, August 3, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

**Members Present:** John Patrick Ford, Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, Leane Marchese, Madeline Paul, Donald Steele, Floyd Willis, Cheryl Wilson **Excused Absences:** William Liu, Sharon McColl, Rosemary White-Pope **Absent:** Rudy Fernandez **Staff Present:** Diana Gray

**Introductions** were made.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Don Steele moved to approve the minutes of the March 2005, April 2005, May 2005, June 2005, and July 2005 SAAB board meetings. Dolli Cutler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Modifications to the Agenda:**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

### **Old Business:**

**Housing Committee (Cheryl Wilson):** Leane Marchese reported on the status of the proposal she helped to draft regarding the reinstatement of funding of Shared Housing Programs in California. Leane is forwarding the report to the Senior Legislature Regional Task Force.

**Transportation Committee (Floyd Willis):** Floyd Willis reported on the status of the Transportation Committee's efforts to network with other agencies. Floyd mentioned his interest in passing the results of William Liu's Transportation Survey on to SANDAG because of the value of the survey. The Transportation Committee did not meet in July and is not expected to meet in August. Rather the members have been directed to familiarize themselves with what SANDAG and other area Transportation Organizations are already doing so as not to duplicate efforts.

**New Business:**

**AIS Advisory Council Report (Dolli Cutler):** Dolli Cutler presented an oral report on the Aging Independent Services (AIS) Advisory Council meeting that she attended on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The AIS Advisory Council is comprised of persons who represent the older adult and disabled communities. AIS has more than 30 programs which are funded by the Older American Act, federal, state, and county funds. In fact, AIS provides direct services or contracts for services and programs with a budget that exceeds \$200 million dollars.

Dolli stated that AIS Advisory Council makes decision on how the AIS program money is spent. The AIS Advisory Council prepares an annual recommendation on how the funding stream should be spent. At the July 2005 meeting, the board looked at the Adult Day Care issue and Long Term Care Insurance.

Ms. Cutler will continue to attend the AIS Advisory Council Meetings and report back to SAAB on what is happening in that arena.

**Senior Health Care Services:** Cheryl Wilson reported on the state of senior health care services both on the national level and abroad. Ms. Wilson attended a conference in Norway this year and learned that with the state of health care costs increasing and a critical shortage of nurses and doctors, a new Universal Care Giver position that is evolving is helping to meet the needs of an aging population in Europe. Indeed with funding levels on the decline and expectations increasing, it has become critical to seek answers outside of the current continuum. The Universal Care Worker is trained and equipped to handle the many different medical service needs that don't require a doctor's attention. This concept is working really well in other countries and may possibly be an option for health care services in this country and in California.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Announcement(s):**

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The Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 7, 2005*

*Chairperson: Patrick Ford*

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